

TOWN OF HANOVER



PRESS RELEASE

Hanover Affordable Housing Plan Public Forum

The **Hanover Housing Authority** welcomes residents, business owners, community groups and town boards and departments to attend an important Public Forum about Affordable Housing in Hanover on **Wednesday, July 18th, 2007 at 7:00 PM** in the large hearing room at Hanover Town Hall.

This is a special meeting to discuss the issue of affordable housing and to give everyone the opportunity to provide important early input into our process of preparing an Affordable Housing Plan for Hanover. The meeting will be lead by the Town's consultants, Karen Sunnarborg and Abacus Architects & Planners. Goals of the forum include:

- Provide the Consultants with a better understanding of housing issues in Hanover as important input into our work preparing the Affordable Housing Plan.
- Provide a forum for residents and stakeholders to exchange information and discuss affordable housing matters, allowing them to better inform each other about the range of current housing issues.
- Establish an opportunity for the Consultants to talk about what affordable housing is and isn't, "Planned Production," and planning and design strategies for fitting affordable housing into the fabric of the town.
- Present some images of neighborhoods and housing that suggest the kinds of developments that might be appropriate – and get feedback.
- Create a precedent for residents and stakeholders to meet and specifically discuss affordable housing in a context that might be replicated on at least an annual basis to promote better communication and coordination with and between municipal leaders around affordable housing matters.

Some of the more general questions we plan to raise include:

- How do residents and stakeholders feel about those current developments that involve some amount of affordable housing?
- What are the key local concerns about affordable housing as we embark on this planning process?
- What are the principle challenges to producing affordable units in Hanover?
- What are the principle opportunities for producing affordable units in Hanover?
- Where do you think additional housing can best be accommodated?

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